

THESE are the good times, consequent on a "restoration of confidence" and "return of prosperity" which were so freely promised us in the late campaign. Has the cyclone struck you?

THE Democrats in St. Louis seem to be confident of success in that city in the municipal election next month. Edwin Harrison, the probable nominee for Mayor, will unquestionably prove a very strong candidate.

THE Globe-Democrat announces that every defeated candidate for Congress in Missouri is expecting an office from the McKinley administration. The Major from Canton, however, it seems is not going to hurry himself.

THE scheme to loot the State Treasury for the benefit of the State University received a black eye in the Legislature last week. The representatives faithfully represented the people in refusing to comply with the demands of the University lobby.

GOV. STEPHENS has vetoed the bill providing for all executions to take place at the State Capital. The Jefferson City people are much pleased at the Governor's action while some of the promoters of the measure are just as much displeased thereat.

MISSOURI'S delegation in Congress the next two years will prove a much stronger one than the Republican "misfit" crowd whose terms expired March 4th. The new delegation is an able one and will vote and work for the best interests of the people.

THE dispatches from Washington state that McKinley is telling the pie hunters that appointments to office will not be made until the terms of the present incumbents expire. The "patrons" anxious to serve their country do not take kindly to this announcement.

THE President has issued a call convening Congress in extra session March 15th. But few appointments to office, it is announced will be made before that date. Mr. McKinley wants to hold the patronage until the Senators pass a tariff bill in accordance with his views.

From Tarheeliana.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 3, 1897. This is the last day of the Cleveland administration, and for this I presume a good many Americans are feeling duly thankful. To-morrow's ceremony, wherein Western Republicanism will do its level best in imitation of the gauds and pageants of Eastern Royalty, will crowd Washington and make glad a host of Bonifaces. May the "common people," who, in the end, pay for it all, be duly edified, and let us pray that no quarrel for precedence may arise among the "first ladies of the land." What with the Cuban question, and the internal bothers that will not down, even at the bidding of Mark Hanna, the new President will have his hands full, without interminable petticoat strife to divert his mind and distort his judgment. I see he goes to Washington clad in a homespun suit and carried by a specially provided palace car. This may seem incongruous, but any "honest money," "American System of Protection" advocate will explain it into the eternal fitness of things, and make you to rejoice that the Millennium of Prosperity is at hand. Give him an early call, for he is selling out at two hundred cents on the dollar, and his stock-in-trade is rapidly diminishing. But, apart from this, here's a health to the new President! May he govern happily and wisely for all!

This town is agitated over the liquor-selling question. The legislature, at the instance of the two Republican representatives from Buncombe, is about to enact a law submitting to the voters of the county the question of Dispensary or no Dispensary. If the affirmative carries it will wipe out the thirteen saloons in Asheville and take from the annual revenues of the town about \$15,000. Under the dispensary system, all the liquor sales are made by the State and the profits go to the school fund. If the question were submitted to the town for the town, the dispensary would be defeated; but the county will carry it. This for several reasons, the chiefest being the number of holes it will make for official pugs seeking place. There is nobody so hungry as a Republican or a Populist out of office, and the creation of eight new public tents is a matter not to be despised or foregone in this day of small things. This is the moving spirit at Raleigh, and this it is that fanned an amendment to the bill giving to the city of Asheville the apparent God-given right to settle its own domestic affairs in its own way. The measure has passed the lower house with the cheerful whoop born of a scent of spoils; the action of the Senate is a little more doubtful, but I am led to believe that

it is reasonably certain that Buncombe county, including Asheville, will, ere the year is out, be trying the virtues of Tillmanism as applied to the drink habit.

Another question that is agitating the public mind of Tarheeldom is the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company. That road, owned in major part by the State, was leased about ten years ago to the Company named above, for the term of fifteen years. About a year ago, the first lease was abrogated by consent of all the parties to it, and a new lease given to the Southern for a term of ninety-nine years, the terms being that the Company pay a rental equal to 7 per cent. on the \$4,000,000 at which the property was capitalized; that is to say, \$280,000 per annum. The service of the public demanded great increase in facilities, but the Company reasonably held that if they made extraordinary expenditure, a longer tenure than remained to them under the first lease would be necessary to require it for the heavy outlay. The matter was presented to the State officials and directors acting upon the part of the people and the stockholders, and, after due consideration, the new lease for ninety-nine years was consummated. This was under the Democratic State administration, headed by Gov. Carr—a man whose honorable fame the lightest breath of calumny has never tarnished. The great rival of the Southern Railway in this State is the Seaboard Air Line. It had an opportunity to bid for the lease, for the transaction was not effected in secret, but held its peace. Now, however, its howls are ear-piercing, and the holy horror of its unsophisticated innocence is anguishing to behold. And our Republican brethren, now on top here, are amazed and confounded, and Gov. Russell and his benchmen are causing the welkin to ring with virtuous denunciation. A bill is now before the Legislature to empower the officials to take the lease before the courts and demand its annulment. Of course, there is no politics in its, nor anything but second-thought self-abnegation upon the part of the Seaboard magnates whose bowels yearn for the poor, down-trodden taxpayer. I know this is so, because they now say they are anxious to pay three per cent. more than their competitors, and are making a whole lot of very fine promises for the future if the Legislature and the courts will only "knock out" their too, too self-seeking rivals. Is it possible such magnanimity shall go unrewarded, and the steam blasts of a wicked enemy be blown incontinent into the faces of the virtuous? Forbid it, all ye gods in unison! The present splendid equipment and service of the truculent Southern are but snares for the unwary, and an evidence of the Company's ultimate wickedness. So it is singular that the traveling public, and the people, generally, side with the dominant road in this contest, and refuse to credit the special ploddings of its enemies. The lease, under these circumstances, may be counted upon to cover its full term—but what of that? Virtue is its own reward, and with this everlasting compensation must the tender consciences of Gov. Russell, the Pritchard Populists and the Seaboard Air Line rest content.

The weather here is bright, balmy and spring-like. How is it with you? E. D. A.

From Jefferson City.

Ed. Register—Legislation that is to be accomplished by this session is rapidly approaching completion. The last day for the introduction of new bills has passed and everything on the floor is being pushed on through the successive stages which are necessary for their enactment into laws. There have been 757 House and 425 Senate bills introduced. All of the house bills have had their first and second reading, have been referred to the various committees, and reported back in some shape, either favorably or otherwise, while many have received amendments or had committee substitutes reported in their place. In some instances where bills of similar purpose have been found, they have been combined, or a new one given the place of both. So that as the work has progressed, the main principles have been brought out, in order that the greatest good may be accomplished by the least change. Resolutions have been read and disposed of, which have had for their object either the support or opposition of some particular bill or class of legislation. Petitions innumerable have also been heard, which are intended to show some reason why certain laws should be passed or others defeated. The public are certainly watching this legislature for a few days after any bill which is liable to affect any number of people is introduced petitions pour in by the hundred, asking for either its success or defeat. In many instances about as many are for as against the question. The bills of general importance have been given preference in their progress, and after being passed through the House have gone over to the Senate, where about the same routine is undertaken. Occasionally the Senate has found it necessary on account of their superior wisdom, to amend a house bill, and this has necessitated its return for concurrence. In a few instances this object has not met with success, and the next step is to appoint a joint committee to agree on the measure in question. Occasionally a similar bill is found in both houses, and the one first passed by either branch is given preference, and the other one disposed of according to rule. The correct

printing and proof reading of bills occupies more time than any other part of the process. While the enrollment of the perfected copy is not less particular, for these copies are the official record. A steering committee consisting of one representative from each congressional district, arranges the calendar for each day's work, selects the measures of most importance and ascertains the merits of each bill. This has given greater impetus to business than any other action during the session. An honest explanation of the features of a bill can accomplish more than a dozen speeches.

Most of the would-be leaders and instructors have fared about as well as the orators. They find it rather discouraging to declaim to inattentive audiences and empty chairs. Any flight at oratory is sure to bring groups of members together that have something to talk about, and the rest take a walk. I have concluded that a member is appreciated in proportion to his ability not to bore his associates. G. W. F., Jr.

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For Infants and Children.

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Obituary.

Died—Near Annapolis, Iron county Mo., on the 2d of March, 1897, ESTHER, infant daughter of Mrs. and John B. Buckner, aged two months and 23 days.

Little Esther had seen but few well days, but was an unusual bright and cheerful baby, and bore her sufferings with great fortitude. Dear little Esther thou art sadly missed by thy broken hearted parents who are mourning for thee and weeping round the vacant place which the death of their darling baby has made in their home.

The coffin lid can never shut out from memory's page the loved and the lost. The precious trust that has once been ours will ever linger in our minds as jewels on the threads of time. Sad thought, never again will we look into her face nor hear her sweet voice, but we know she is now happy in the arms of Jesus; and, if we are faithful here we will meet her by and by.

None but parents so bereft can know our loneliness, but we will try to say "Thy will, O God, be done!" When such storm clouds of sorrow sweep over us, were it not for the hope that we will again meet our loved and lost, life would never cease to be a burden and care.

All that remained on earth of our darling baby was laid to rest in the Sutton burying grounds.

There is no sweeter story told, In all the blessed book, Than how the Savior in his arms, The little children took. In loving ways she spent her days, And we are left alone, Our baby dear, who was so near, Has sped away and gone. It breaks my heart, 'tis hard to part, With one who was so dear, The Savior calls and she must go, To his dear loving arms! HER PARENTS.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION. In the Circuit Court of Iron County, Missouri, in vacation—February 28d, 1897. The State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Walter H. Fisher, Collector of the Revenue of Iron County, Missouri, against

Angeline Boyd, Eliza Ann E. Martin, Elijah Kelley, James Kelley, Catherine Haley, Wesley Kelley, Samuel Kelley, Ann Casey, Mary Cullen, Elvira Kelley, Angelina Kelley, Henry Kelley, Maggie Kelley, Ann Kelley, Marion Kelley, N. C. Griffith, W. T. O'Neal, trustee, adults, and Jerry Kelley, Bert Kelley, Mack Kelley, minors, and all unknown interested parties, defendants. [Action to Enforce Lien for Taxes.] Now at this time comes the plaintiff, Walter H. Fisher, Collector of the Revenue of Iron County, Missouri, and files his petition and affidavit, setting forth, among other things, that the defendant, Elijah Kelley, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law. Plaintiff further states that he verily believes there are other parties interested in the real estate hereinbefore described, either as owners, part owners, or otherwise, whose names he cannot insert therein, because they are unknown to him, and the nature and extent of whose interest, or how derived, is unknown to him, and he has no knowledge of the same; it is, therefore, ordered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Iron County, Missouri, in vacation, that publication be made, notifying said defendants that an action has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of said County, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri on the following real estate, situate in Iron County, Missouri, belonging to the said defendants, for back taxes for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, to wit:

The southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section three, township thirty-three, range four east, situate in Iron county, State of Missouri, containing six acres, more or less.

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill showing the amount of taxes, interest and County Clerk's fees now due on said real estate for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$5 76, is filed with said petition, as provided by law.) And unless they be and appear at the next term of said Court, to be held for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse in said County, on the fourth Monday in April next (1897) and on or before the third day thereof (if the term shall so long continue) and, if not, then before the end of the term, and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon. It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Iron, and State of Missouri.

ARTHUR HUFF, Clerk. A true copy. Attest, with seal, this 23d day of February, 1897. ARTHUR HUFF, Clerk Iron County Circuit Court.

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ALL OUR WINTER GOODS!

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MEN'S CLOTHING.

Men's \$3.50 Suits slashed to \$ 2.50.
Men's 8.00 " " " 5.90.
Men's 10.00 " " " 7.50.
Men's 12.00 " " " 9.00.
Men's 13.50 " " " 10.00.

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\$3.75 Overcoats reduced to \$2.75.
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Men's good beaver Coats slashed from \$8.00 to \$5.50.
\$10.00 Kersey Coat reduced to \$7.50.
Men's tailor made, satin lined Overcoats reduced from \$13.50 to \$9.90.

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Boys' \$1.25 Suits slashed to \$0.90.
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Ladies' 9.50 " " " 5.50.
Ladies' 11.50 " " " 7.50.
Ladies' 12.50 " " " 9.25.
Ladies' 5.50 Capes " " 3.75.
Ladies' 8.50 " " " 4.90.
Ladies' 11.50 " " " 7.00.



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This is a sample of how cheap we are selling:
Good Double Blankets slashed from \$0.75 to \$0.50 a pair.
Same " " " 1.00 to 0.75 "
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Good Double Blankets, strictly all wool, slashed from \$8.50 to \$2.75.

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In Men's and Women's Underwear. Men's 35c underwear for 20c. All 75c men's underwear at 50c.

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Fancy Flannel Mixture Dress Goods reduced from 35c to 25c a yd. 25c and 35c Cashmeres reduced to 20c a yard. All 60c Bouclay Dress Goods reduced to 45c a yard. All 35c and 40c Cashmeres reduced to 25c a yd. All Calicoes, 5c a yard. 30 yards prints, fast colors, \$1.00. All Wool Twill Flannels, were 20c and 22 1-2c, reduced to 13 1-2c. Best 8c Domestic reduced to 5c a yard.

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